Labour Department.

19. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have arrived at a decision to constitute a Labour Department in the State; and

(*b*) if so, when it will be constituted?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: (*a*) & (*b*) The Director of Industries has been appointed as Labour Commissioner. Government do not think it necessary to appoint a full time Labour Commissioner at present.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Weaving Schools.

8. **Mr. James Fletcher** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of weaving schools conducted in the Trivandrum Division;

(*b*) the number of such schools which are recognised by the Government and those which are receiving Government grants;

(*c*) whether there are any weaving schools conducted directly by the Government outside the Trivandrum town;

(*d*) whether the weaving schools help a large number of young men and women to learn a trade which helps them to earn their living; and

(*e*) whether the Government provide increased grant for such institutions every year so as to help more institutions to function?

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) 65.

(*b*) Recognised—49 and aided—42.

(*c*) Yes, there is one at Nagercoil.

(*d*) They are expected to do so.

(*e*) No.

Rules under Section 24 of Act II of 1116.

9. **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state (*a*) whether it has come to their notice that applications under Section 9 of Act II of 1116 are kept pending for want of rules contemplated under Section 24 of that Act; and

(*b*) whether rules as contemplated by Section 24 of Act II of 1116 have been framed and published by the Government?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): (*a*) No.

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